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SUBJ: PINOCHET CANCELS UNHRC VISIT TO CHILE

1. SUMMARY. IN SURPRISE SPEECH JULY 4 PRESIDENT PINOCHET SAID:
"I HAVE MADE MAJOR DECISION: I HAVE DIRECTED THAT HUMAN RIGHTS
COMMISSION NOT COME TO CHILE." HE PUT HIS DECISION IN CONTEXT
OF WORLD COMMUNIST CAMPAIGN AGAINST CHILE, FACT THAT COMMUNIST
COUNTRIES WOULD NOT SUBMIT TO INVESTIGATION, AND UNFORTUNATE
FACT THAT THOSE WHO COULD HELP DO NOTHING FOR CHILE. DECISION
THUS REPRESENTS REVERSION TO ORIGINAL PINOCHET LINE THAT CHILE
WOULD RECEIVE SUCH STUDY GROUPS ONLY IF THEY ALSO INVESTIGATED
USSR AND CUBA. END SUMMARY.

2. PINOCHET'S SPEECH WAS GIVEN LATE IN DAY IN NORTHERN TOWN OF
VALLERNAR AT BEGINNING OF TOUR THROUGH NORTH. TEXT WAS RELEASED
BY GOC INFORMATION OFFICE LATER.

3. PINOCHET PUT DECISION IN CONTEXT OF ASSERTION THAT ARMED
FORCES TOOK OVER COUNTRY IN SEPT 1973 AND WOULD REMAIN IN POWER
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DESPITE POLITICIANS' CONTINUING "DEMOGOGIC" ATTEMPT TO RETURN TO

OFFICE. HE SAID WORLD COMMUNISM WAS REACTING AGAINST TAKEOVER, SINCE IT HAD LOST BATTLE IN CHILE, AND "IT DOES NOT HESITATE TO SLANDER, BY SENDING PERMANENT COMMISSIONS TO SEE IF HUMAN RIGHTS ARE RESPECTED." HE ASKED RHETORICALLY HOW MANY SUCH COMMISSIONS HAD BEEN SENT TO CUBA AND USSR, OR TO VIETNAM, LAOS, AND CAMBODIA, AND TO OTHER PARTS OF WORLD "WHERE THE MOST HORRIBLE CRIMES ARE COMMITTED" THESE COUNTRIES, HOWEVER, ARE EXEMPT FROM EXAMINATION BECAUSE THEY BEAR "SHIELD OF MARXISM-LENINISM."

4. PRESIDENT RECOGNIZED HIS DECISION WOULD CAUSE REACTION FROM MARXIST WORLD, AND CONTINUED: "UNFORTUNATELY THAT WORLD WHICH CAN DEFEND US, WITH A COWARDICE THAT I DO NOT KNOW HOW TO JUDGE, HIDES ITS HEAD AND LEAVES THIS DAVID FIGHTING AGAINST GOLIATH. BUT DO NOT FORGET THAT DAVID DEFEATED GOLIATH."

5. COMMENT: IN LAST DECEMBER 31 SPEECH TO NATION PINOCHET LAID DOWN LINE (STATED NOT QUITE SO FORCEFULLY IN SEPT 11, 1974, ANNIVERSARY SPEECH) THAT IN GENERAL CHILE WOULD NOT RECEIVE HUMAN RIGHTS STUDY GROUPS UNLESS USSR AND CUBA WERE ALSO INVESTIGATED. APPARENTLY WITH CONSIDERABLE NUDGING, HIS ADVISORS GOT HIM TO ALLOW UNHRC GROUP TO COME, IN BELIEF THEY HAD OBTAINED REASONABLE GUARANTEES OF GROUP'S OBJECTIVITY. JUGDING FROM INFORMED COMMENT AT AMBASSADOR'S JULY 4 RECEPTION, PINOCHET DECISION WAS SET OFF BY (1) RECENT CHILEAN EXPERIENCES AT ILO MEETING IN GENEVA AND UN-SPONSORED CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR IN MEXICO, WHERE ANTI-GOC RESOLUTIONS WERE POLITICALLY INSPIRED AND WENT BEYOND CONCLUSIONS DRAWN BY PREVIOUS INVESTIGATIVE BODIES, AND (2) FACT THAT UNHRC GROUP HAD TAKEN TESTIMONY FROM CHILEAN EXILES BEFORE ARRIVAL IN CHILE. QUESTION THEREFORE ARISES WHETHER STUDY GROUP ENTRY WOULD BE ALLOWED IF IT INVESTIGATED ONLY SITUATION AT TIME OF ITS ARRIVAL.

6. PINOCHET SPEECH WAS EMPHATIC THAT DECISION WAS HIS OWN. AT EARLIER STAGE, ANY DECISION OF SUCH IMPORTANCE WOULD HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED IN NAME OF ENTIRE JUNTA. WE ARE STRUCK WITH USE OF FIRST PERSON PRONOUN IN THIS CASE, AND WILL BE WATCHING CAREFULLY FOR ANY INTERNAL GOC REACTION.
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